



**MINNESOTA DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY
OFFICE OF JUSTICE PROGRAMS**

AMERICAN RECOVERY & REINVESTMENT ACT FUNDS

Recovery Act Justice Assistance Grant State Awards

The Office of Justice Programs selected five state agency projects to receive Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) funds. \$5,584,187 in ARRA funds will support approximately 20 new or retained positions and related program costs for a two-year period. OJP received 19 state proposals requesting a total of over \$19 million. Proposals were peer reviewed by 10 volunteers in two review groups.

State Government Awards

| Grantee | Description | Award |
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| Board of Public Defense | Reinstatement of Lawyer Positions | \$740,901 |
| Department of Corrections | Correctional Operations Management System (COMS) renovation | \$1,546,236 |
| Department of Public Safety, Bureau of Criminal Apprehension | e-Charging Enhancements | \$1,080,000 |
| Department of Public Safety, Homeland Security and Emergency Management | Minnesota School Safety Center (MSSC) Community Policing School Resource Officer Training | \$217,050 |
| Minnesota Judicial Branch | Court Centralized Payables | \$2,000,000 |
| | | \$5,584,187 |

Recovery Act Justice Assistance Grant Non-Profit and Local Government Awards

The Office of Justice Programs selected 40 local projects around the state to receive Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) funds. \$10,705,379 in ARRA funds will support over 150 new or retained positions and related program costs for a two-year period. Funded projects best met the goals of both the Recovery Act and the JAG program.

OJP received 315 local proposals requesting a total of over \$90 million. Proposals were peer reviewed by 180 volunteers in 37 review groups. A second-level staff review considered distribution among purpose areas, geographic locations, response to high need populations, coordination with other federal, state, and local funding, past grantee performance, and whether an identified priority is addressed. All award recipients are the first or second ranked proposals in their review group.

Non-Profit and Local Government Awards

| Organization Name | Program Description | Award |
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| AMICUS Inc | The Amicus Offender Reentry Services project will restore staffing and services for three reentry programs serving a total of 2530 adult offenders per year. | \$397,458 |



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| City of Burnsville | The Burnsville Police Department will rehire full-time patrol officers to reestablish the highly effective Streets Crime Unit. | \$292,278 |
| Carver County | The Carver County, Giving Offenders Assistance for Living project is a re-entry program for inmates leaving the Carver County Jail. | \$289,160 |
| Cass Lake Bena Ind School District 115 | The Rabideau Conservation Corps Project is a juvenile justice prevention and intervention program which will provide up to 30 predominantly American Indian at-risk youth ages 16 – 21 with the opportunity to earn their high school diploma/GED while gaining work experience. | \$288,737 |
| Churches United in Ministry | This project targets chronically homeless individuals identified for participation by police officers. The project will also involve the city attorney's office and the courts in a coordinated response to the needs of these individuals. | \$120,938 |
| Cornerstone Advocacy Services | This program will reduce truancy and suspensions among at-risk youth by expanding the established prevention and intervention programming into seven additional schools. | \$163,942 |
| Duluth Police Department | The Duluth Police Department and Attorneys Office will reduce blight and nuisance crimes, improve prosecution and access to statistics, increase victims willingness to testify and citizens sense of safety. | \$300,000 |
| Emerge Community Development | Northside Reentry Connection seeks to reduce ex-offender recidivism in Minneapolis through the implementation of a comprehensive approach to transitional employment services. | \$400,000 |
| First Witness Child Abuse Council | First Witness will hire a Victim Advocate to increase productivity, provide consistent, more appropriate follow-up, aftercare, and outreach services to child abuse victims. | \$190,555 |
| Greater Minneapolis Council of Churches | The Community Justice Adult Mentoring Project is expanding their services of matching inmates and former offenders with mentors who support behavioral change and a successful re-entry into society. | \$136,004 |
| Hmong American Partnership | Girls Runaway Intervention Prevention Program will provide education, services and support to Hmong girls who have run away from home or are at risk for running away from home. | \$155,322 |



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| Itasca County | This project will improve the efficiency and effectiveness of the local criminal justice system by reducing costs related to chemically dependent offenders on probation and to maximize outcomes for these individuals and their families. | \$220,736 |
| Legal Rights Center | This project uses restorative justice as an alternative to exclusionary school discipline processes. | \$123,703 |
| Lino Lakes Police Department | This project will retain two full time employees to coordinate and implement the Lino Lakes Police Department's transition from Problem Oriented Policing to Intelligence led policing. | \$336,645 |
| Lutheran Social Service | Empowering Students to Achieve will increase their Educational Support Advocate positions to develop, implement, expand, and strengthen educational support services to chronically homeless children. | \$399,581 |
| Lutheran SS of Minnesota - Duluth | The GRACE Diversion Program will be reinstated to provide intervention for youth referred to truancy court. | \$394,982 |
| Mankato City of | The e-citation project will improve the efficiency and effectiveness of the criminal justice program through the use of new software enhancements and existing technology for a multi-agency collaboration that involves both law enforcement agencies and the courts. | \$419,602 |
| McLeod County Sheriff's Department | The e-citation project will improve the efficiency and effectiveness of the criminal justice program through the use of new software enhancements and existing technology for a multi-agency collaboration that involves both law enforcement agencies and the courts. | \$171,509 |
| Men As Peacemakers | This project will allow MAP to continue providing high-quality Restorative Justice programs in Northeastern Minnesota. | \$159,407 |
| Minneapolis City Attorney's Office | The Minneapolis City Attorney will hire a Victim/Witness Assistant to work with victims on general crime cases and will be able to provide increased support for victims. | \$179,532 |
| Minneapolis Police Department | The Minneapolis Police Department will establish a strategic information center (SIC) in cooperation with the St. Paul Police Department. The SIC will enhance law enforcement activities state wide by providing real time information services to police departments . | \$330,704 |



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| Minnesota Counties Computer Cooperative | This project will hire and save the jobs of MCAPS programmers to update, rewrite, and install this case management software throughout Minnesota counties. This will then make it so counties are more compatible for statewide inter-agency cooperation. | \$342,795 |
| Mower County Attorney's Office | Mower County will establish a pre-trial diversion program for qualified adults and youth offenders who are not appropriate for teen court options. | \$300,000 |
| NAMI Minnesota | The Juvenile Justice Training Project will provide cross-system trainings and technical support, host statewide conversations, and increase communication and coordination among juvenile justice stakeholders. | \$225,000 |
| New Ulm Police Department | The New Ulm Police Department will hire a new narcotics/gang officer. This position will improve the criminal justice system response to drug and gang related crime through increased investigations, arrests and convictions. | \$275,000 |
| Ninth Judicial District | The program will be able to maintain two positions that are essential for the operations of the KCDSAC and to continue to provide 20 participants/per year the opportunity to participant in programming that will improve the criminal justice system. | \$314,585 |
| Northfield Public Schools | This project will support the continuation of PRIMETIME, providing over 1,300 at-risk Northfield youth with mentoring, tutoring, skill-building workshops and cultural enrichment programs after school and over the summer. | \$246,039 |
| Northwest Community Action Inc. | The NWYIP program is expanding the mentoring program that identifies at risk youth and provides them with a caring mentor. | \$150,000 |
| Opportunity Neighborhood Dev Corp | The Zane Corridor Outreach Project is a youth intervention program consisting of street outreach, family case management and curfew sweeps to reduce juvenile crime along the Zane Corridor. | \$300,000 |
| Ramsey County Attorney's Office | The Domestic Violence Charging Project will improve prosecution outcomes, increase offender accountability/consequences and increase victim safety. | \$397,193 |
| Rape and Abuse Crisis Center | This project will allow The Rape and Abuse Crisis Center to continue providing services for sexually-abused children and their families at Children's Advocacy Center serving Clay County. This approach provides evidence needed for the justice system to prosecute abusers and protect victims. | \$53,765 |



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| Roseville Police Department | The Roseville Police Department will purchase a mobile system, a browser-based records management system and a field reporting application. This is an innovative and comprehensive solution to enhance public safety services and protect the community. | \$400,032 |
| Seventh Judicial District | The Stearns County Drug Court will be able to maintain staff to continue to serve 45 drug dependent offenders. | \$398,383 |
| St Stephen's Human Services Inc. | Street Outreach will continue to provide street outreach and connect homeless individuals to housing and support services. | \$215,027 |
| The Children's Safety Centers | Children's Safety Center will restore programming to provide a safe haven for children and adults during parental visitation to full capacity. | \$283,972 |
| Twin Cities RISE! | Twin Cities RISE! will provide programming to address all of the barriers to self-sufficiency for individuals who have felony backgrounds and are at risk for re-arrest and/or re-incarceration. | \$393,944 |
| Upper Sioux Reservation | Upper Sioux Community Tribal Police Department will sustain the ability to effectively intervene in meth- and other drug-related activities that negatively impact the Upper Sioux Community | \$149,433 |
| Washington County Community Corrections | This collaboration of criminal justice and drug treatment agencies to addresses high risk/needs offenders who are chemically dependent. | \$187,425 |
| Winona County | The Winona County CARE Program is a jail re-entry program which utilizes best practices in the prisoner reentry field, including comprehensive case management, coordinated service delivery and mentoring. | \$386,210 |
| YWCA of Minneapolis | This will project will allow Girls RAP (Resolution & Prevention) to continue and expand its services to girls ages 11-18 involved or at high-risk for involvement with Juvenile Justice. | \$216,141 |
| | | \$10,705,739 |



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VAWA STOP

The state Office of Justice Programs is also administering a \$2 million competitive grants program with funding from the Office on Violence Against Women (VAWA) for the STOP program to promote coordinated, multidisciplinary approaches to enhance services and advocacy to victims, improve the criminal justice system's response, and promote effective law enforcement, prosecution, and judicial strategies to address domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking.

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